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Sent: Tue 1/14/2014 1:10:33 PM
Subject: RE: CNN Breaking News- West Virginia American Water - Charleston

Some of the confusion could be the media or how they phrased do not drink, do not shower, do not cook etc.. As far as I know, the initial advisory was a Do Not Use, with the caveat that the water could be used to flush toilets and for fire fighting. I have the first advisory from the WV Am Water website and a late Thursday article off the web which all state Do Not use, except for flushing and fire fighting.

As of yesterday, the ban was being lifted in a slow and systematic way, zone by zone, with residents informed of how to flush premise plumbing.

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To: Maffei, Matt
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Subject: RE: CNN Breaking News- West Virginia American Water - Charleston

Hi Matt,

Welcome back from Florida. I saw the Water ISAC Advisories also and did not hear any more on these other than see it on TV. We have a Regional call with HQ's tomorrow so I may hear more about this tomorrow. This was an American Water System so my assumption is that **Ex. 4 - CBI** NJ American would be able to provide details. Maybe you can talk to **Ex. 4 - CBI** about this and this would be a good agenda item for the March 3 NJ Water Sector Security Working Group meeting. This could end up being an expanded water security work area over the next few years.

I cc'd Patti-Kay from our EPA Region 3 Office in Philadelphia. West Virginia is in EPA Region 3.

Jerry

From: Maffei, Matt [<mailto:Matt.Maffei@dep.state.nj.us>]
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To: McKenna, Gerard
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Hi Jerry, just getting back from vacation and have read through this communication and others from **Ex. 4 - CBI** and would like clarification on the Advisory issued to the affected customers.

Your link and the initial CNN reporting indicate that the water advisory issued was a **Do Not Drink Advisory** and that the use of the water was acceptable for Sanitary (flushing toilets) and fire-fighting purposes.

Ex. 4 - CBI

or

2) Did West Virginia elevate its Water Advisory status to curtail water use for sanitary and fire-fighting because of impacts on WW Treatment Plants and receiving waters, and concerns of inhalation if used to fight fires?

Or

3) Did West Virginia deliberately mix messages and elevate to Do Not Use to ensure that the public served does not use it for any potable water needs.

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<http://www.theguardian.com/world/2014/jan/10/west-virginia-chemical-spill-elk-river-charleston>

From: Wisniewski, Patti-Kay
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As you can imagine, OSCs, CID, FBI and of course, drinking water are all over this one today.

Patti Kay

From: McKenna, Gerard
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From: CNN Breaking News [<mailto:BreakingNews@mail.cnn.com>]
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Subject: CNN Breaking News

A U.S. attorney has opened an investigation looking into the release of a potentially dangerous chemical into parts of West Virginia's water supply.

Nearly 200,000 residents in nine counties have been told not to drink the water and avoid cooking with it, brushing their teeth or even taking a shower.

The spill of 4-methylcyclohexane methanol was found coming from a 48,000-gallon tank at a chemical storage facility about a mile upriver from the West Virginia American Water plant. The chemical is used to wash coal before it goes to market.

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